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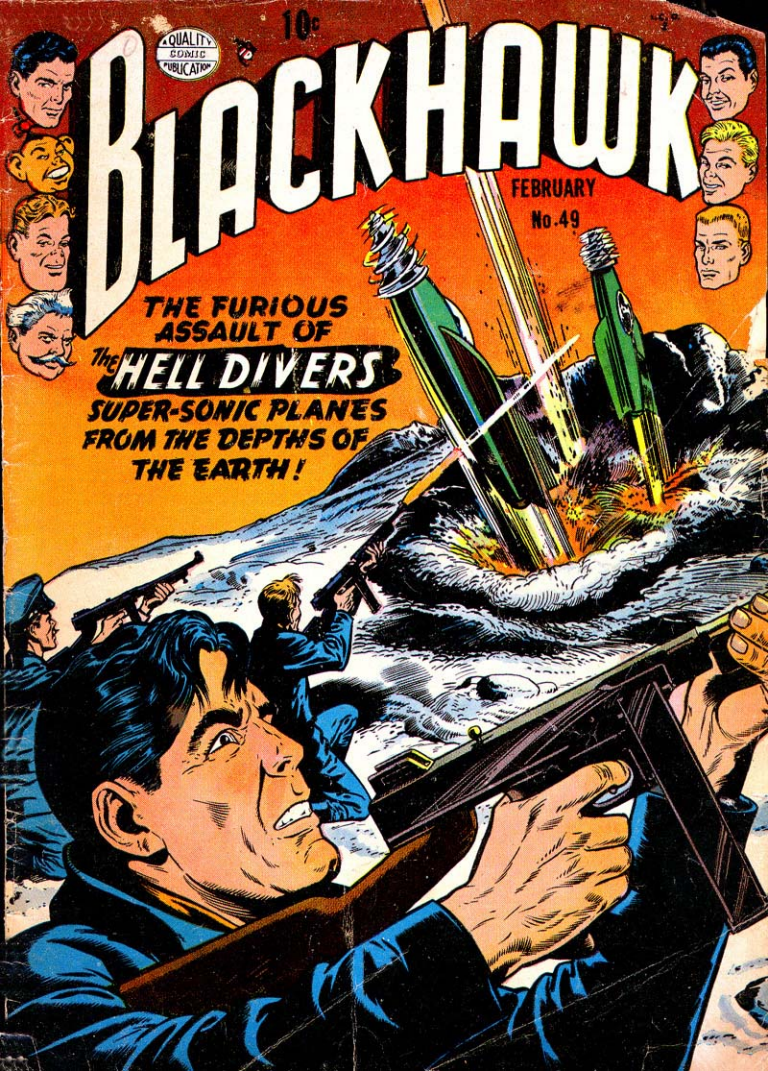
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BLACK HAWK

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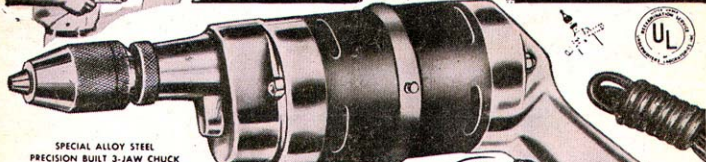




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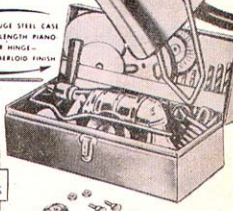
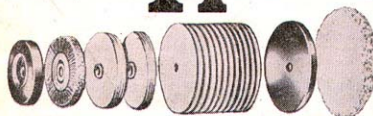
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OUT OF THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH AND INTO THE SKY ROARS A SQUADRON OF PLANES BENT ON WORLD DESTRUCTION! YES, PLANES THAT GO THROUGH THE EARTH LED BY THE POWER-MAD VALKYRIE! WILL THE VALIANT BLACKHAWKS BE ABLE TO DESTROY

THE HELL DIVERS!

ON SEAWARD ISLAND...

WELCOME, BLACKHAWK! NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, THE CONFERENCE CAN BEGIN!

ARE ALL THE ISLANDS GOING TO BE REPRESENTED?



NATURALLY! FOR THE FIRST TIME ALL THE ISLANDS ARE GOING TO BE UNITED IN A SINGLE, DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION!

THE NEW ISLAND FEDERATION!



WE BLACK-HAWKS WILL BE PROUD TO HAVE OUR ISLAND BECOME ONE OF THE STATES IN

LATER, AS THE HISTORIC ASSEMBLY CONVENES...

I NOMINATE BLACKHAWK AS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF OUR FEDERATION! HE'S PROVED HIS RIGHT TO LEADERSHIP!



I APPRECIATE THE HONOR, BUT I'M AFRAID I MUST DECLINE! I'VE A BIG ENOUGH JOB ON MY HANDS AS LEADER OF THE BLACKHAWKS!

BUT I ACCEPT!



VALKYRIE IS MY NAME! I SHALL BECOME THE ABSOLUTE AND UN-QUESTIONED RULER OF THE NEW FEDERATION!



ALL THE ISLAND STATES WILL PAY TRIBUTE TO ME... OR PERISH! THIS IS MY ULTIMATUM!

THAT'S AN IMPRESSIVE COSTUME, VALKYRIE, BUT WHY SHOULD WE LISTEN TO ULTIMATUMS FROM YOU?



FOR THE BEST OF REASONS, BLACKHAWK! IF I AM NOT GIVEN ABSOLUTE POWER, I SHALL DESTROY THE ISLANDS ONE BY ONE WITH THE MOST TERRIBLE WEAPON YOU HAVE EVER SEEN!



SHE'S A MAD WOMAN, BLACK-HAWK! I'LL SUMMON THE POLICE AND HAVE HER LOCKED UP!

IMPRISON A VIKING? YOU FOOLS! MY ANCESTORS SAILED THE SEAS OF THE WORLD TO CONQUEST! AND I SHALL BE WORTHY OF THEIR VALIANT SPIRITS!



YOU HAVE HAD YOUR WARNING, GENTLEMEN! TOMORROW I STRIKE... AT PEURIFOY ISLAND!

SHE SOUNDS AS THOUGH SHE MEANS IT!



THANK GOODNESS SHE'S GONE! I THOUGHT SHE MIGHT BECOME VIOLENT AT ANY MOMENT! VALKYRIE, INDEED! A FIGURE FROM A COMIC OPERA!

I'M NOT SO SURE!



YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT YOU BELIEVE ANY OF HER TALK? WHY... WHY, SHE WAS AN OBVIOUS LUNATIC!

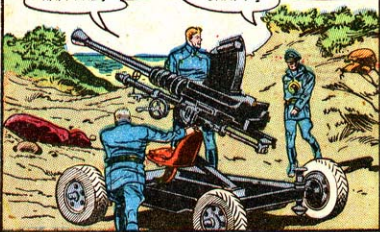
SHE SPOKE RATIONALLY ENOUGH! AND HER THREAT WAS ALMOST TOO SPECIFIC! I THINK THE BLACKHAWKS WILL STAY ON AN ALERT FOR VALKYRIE!



THE NEXT MORNING...

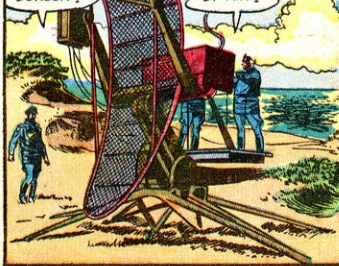
BY GAR, BLACKHAWK, WE CAN FEEL LIKE FOOLS WHEN NOTHING HAPPENS!

BETTER AN OUNCE OF PRECAUTION THAN A POUND OF TROUBLE, OLAF! KEEP WATCHING FOR ANY SIGN OF HOSTILE AIR CRAFT!



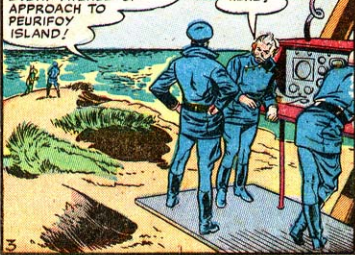
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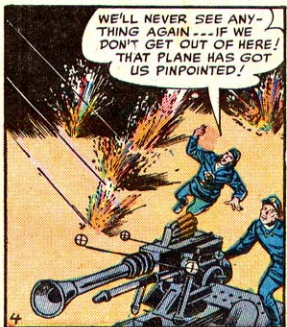
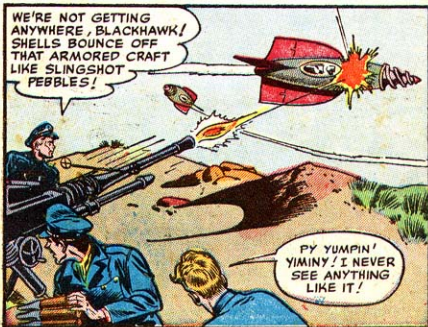
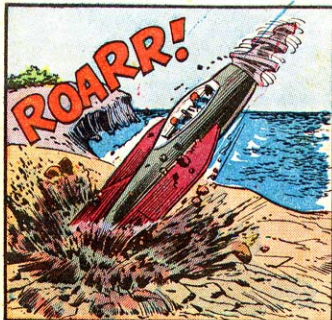
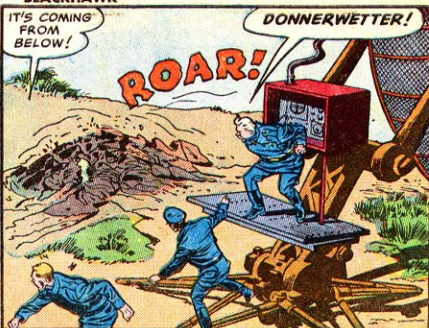
NOT EVEN A BIRD'S FLUTTER IN DER SKIES! VOT MAKES YOU SO SURE DER ATTACK VILL COME BY AIR?

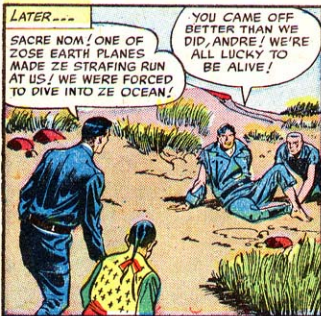


I'M NOT SURE AT ALL! ANDRE AND CHOP CHOP ARE KEEPING THE SEA WATCH! WE'RE COVERING EVERY AVENUE OF APPROACH TO PEURIFOY ISLAND!

HIMMEL! NOT EFEN DER ENEMY MOSQUITO COULD GET THROUGH TO DO DAMAGE HERE!







VALKYRIE MADE GOOD HER THREAT! PEURI-FOY ISLAND IS IN RUINS! BUT AT LEAST WE KNOW WHAT KIND OF MENACE WE'RE DEALING WITH! AND WE'LL WORK OUT A WAY TO COMBAT THE... HELL DIVERS!



CONGRATULATIONS, BLACKHAWK!
BUT YOUR TERM OF OFFICE WILL
BE SHORT! WHEN YOU ARE DEAD,
I WILL BE THE NEW
RULER OF THE ISLAND
FEDERATION!

WHA...?

THAT
WAS
VALKYRIE'S
VOICE!

BUT...
BUT HOW
COULD
SHE

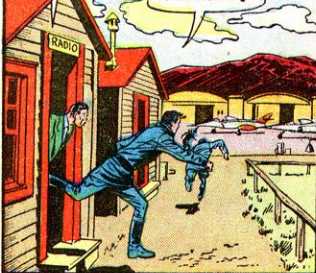
KNOW THAT
YOU WERE
CHOSEN AS
PRESIDENT?
MY MISSION
HERE WAS
SUPPOSED
TO BE
SECRET!

AT THIS MOMENT...

SAPRISTI! ZE RADAR
SHOWS A SQUADRON
OF PLANES APPROACHING
BLACKHAWK ISLAND!

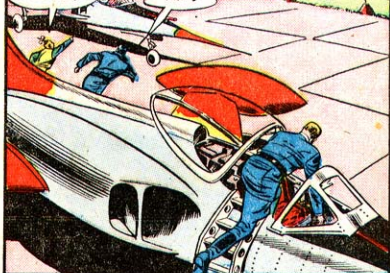
HAWKAAA!

WHAT WAS THAT
CRY?
OUR SIGNAL FOR
BATTLE! TO THE
PLANES!



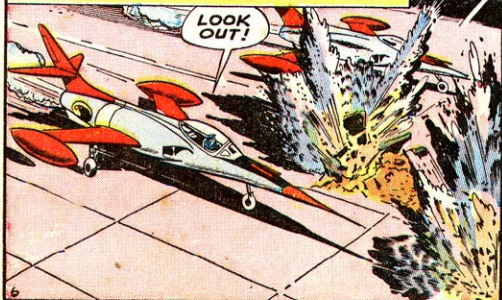
OH, GOLLIES!
HERE THEY
COME!

WE'D BETTER GET
OUR CRATES IN THE
AIR!



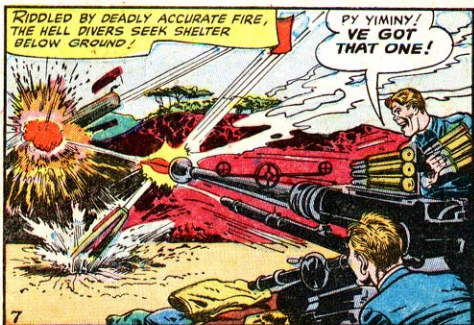
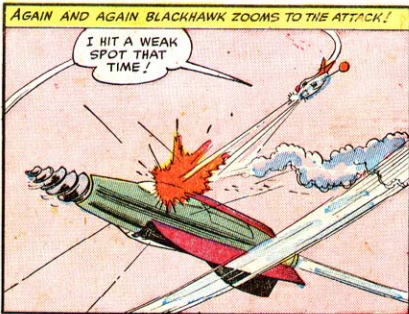
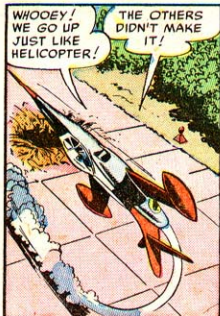
AS THE BLACKHAWK PLANES TAXI FOR A TAKEOFF...

LOOK
OUT!



THEY BLOKE UP
OUR LANDING
SLIP! IS NO
PLACE TO TAKE
OFF PLANES!
WE MAY
HAVE
ENOUGH
GROUND
SPEED!
I'M GOING
TO TRY IT!





WE DROVE THEM INTO THE GROUND! BUT THERE'S NO TELLING WHERE THEY'LL COME OUT AGAIN! I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO SETTLE FOR A PARTIAL VICTORY!

Cee x x x #!!
FLYING
GOPHERS!



At VALKYRIE'S HEADQUARTERS...

THE BLACKHAWKS FIGHT LIKE DEMONS! THEY WOULD HAVE DESTROYED US ALL IF WE FOUGHT TO A FINISH!

I WOULD NOT HAVE RUN FROM THEM! THE TRUE BLOOD OF VIKING CONQUERORS FLOWS IN MY VEINS!



WE MUST STRIKE BACK...QUICKLY! WHEN THE DELEGATES TO THE FEDERATION ARRIVE AT SEAWARD ISLAND, WE SHALL WIPE THEM ALL OUT IN A SINGLE TERRIBLE BLOW!



ON SEAWARD ISLAND...

I TELL YOU, IT'S MADNESS TO RESIST VALKYRIE! SHE WRECKED BLACKHAWK ISLAND! WHAT'LL SHE DO TO THE REST OF US?

WE SUFFERED SOME DAMAGE, YES!



BUT WE WON OUR BATTLE WITH THE HELL DIVERS! AND I'VE GOT A PLAN THAT WILL END THEIR MENACE FOREVER! I EXPECT VALKYRIE TO LAUNCH ANOTHER ATTACK... HERE!



SHE'LL GET A SURPRISE WHEN SHE DOES! THE ENTIRE ASSEMBLY HALL HAS BEEN MINED! WE'LL CLEAR OUT BEFORE THE HELL DIVERS ARRIVE AND...

YOU BAN GOING SOMEPLACE IN A HURRY?

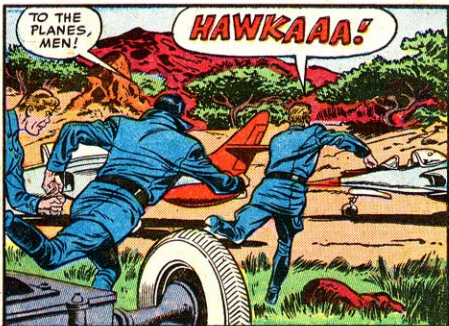


LET GO OF ME! THIS IS AN OUTRAGE!

H/MM! IT'S THE SAME DELEGATE WHO WAS ADVISING US ON THE FUTILITY OF RESISTANCE! WE'VE KNOWN FOR SOME TIME THAT VALKYRIE HAD A SPY PLANTED AMONG US!



BLACKHAWK



THOSE DYNAMITE CASES WILL FLUSH THEM OUT! DYNAMITE IS AN EXPLOSIVE THAT EXERTS MOST OF ITS FORCE... **DOWNWARD!**

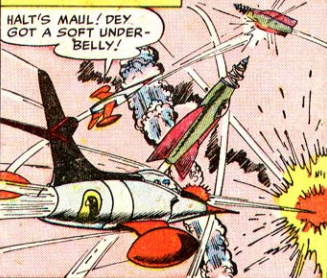


HERE THEY COME! AND I'LL BET THE PILOTS ARE FEELING MORE THAN A LITTLE SHAKEN UP!

TALLY HO!

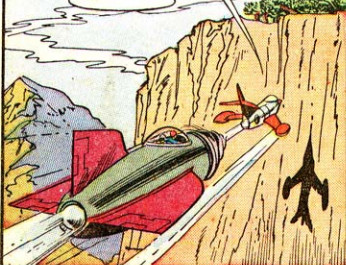


THE PEERLESS DARK KNIGHTS ZOOM INTO BATTLE AGAINST THE LUMBERING, ARMORED HELL DIVER SQUADRON!

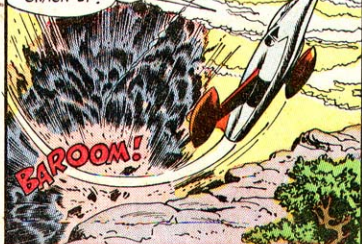


HALT'S MAUL! DEY GOT A SOFT UNDER-BELLY!

THEY'RE GETTING DESPERATE! THIS FELLOW WANTS TO RAM INTO ME!



TSK-TSK! HE FORGOT TO PULL IN HIS WINGS AND START HIS BORER GOING! WHAT A CRACK-UP!



BAROOM!

SOON...

VALKYRIE AND THESE TWO ARE THE ONLY SURVIVORS! THEIR HELL DIVERS ARE SOMEWHAT THE WORSE FOR WEAR! BUT AERONAUTICAL RESEARCH CAN STILL GET SOME VALUABLE POINTERS FROM THEM!

YOU'VE SAVED THE ISLAND FEDERATION! I WISH YOU'D RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION TO RESIGN AS PRESIDENT, BLACKHAWK!



I'M SORRY, SIR! BUT I'VE A BIGGER JOB TO DO... SMASHING OTHERS WHO WOULD WRECK THE DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE! THE ISLAND FEDERATION IS ONLY A PART OF THE LARGER STRUGGLE...

I THINK I UNDERSTAND! JUST KNOWING WE CAN CALL ON YOU FOR HELP WILL GIVE US THE COURAGE TO CARRY ON!



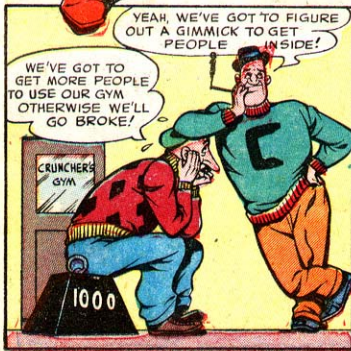
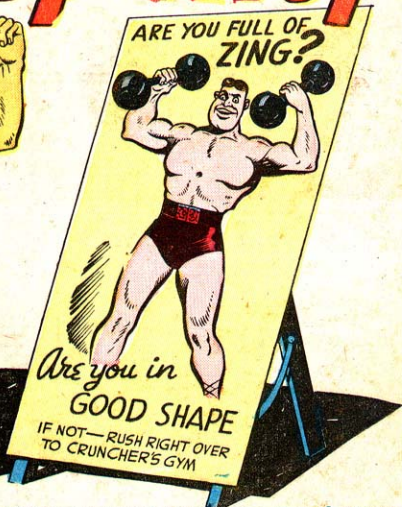
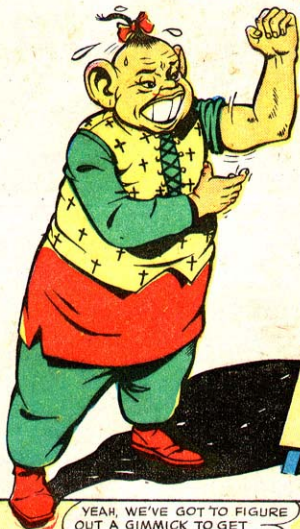
THOUGH IT CLAIM DESCENT FROM VIKING EVIL'S NEVER TO OUR LIKING!

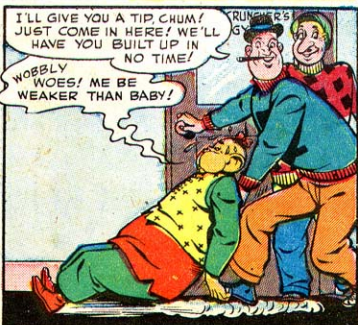
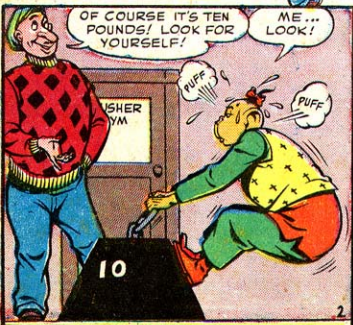
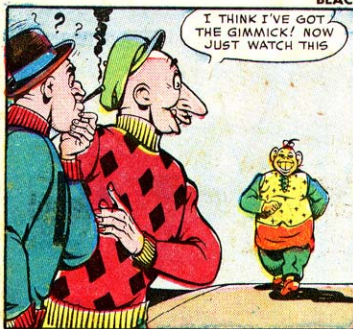
WE'RE BLACKHAWKS!



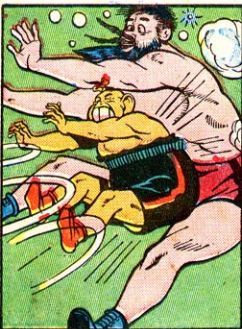
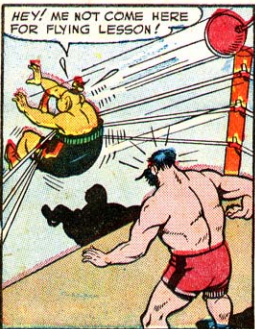
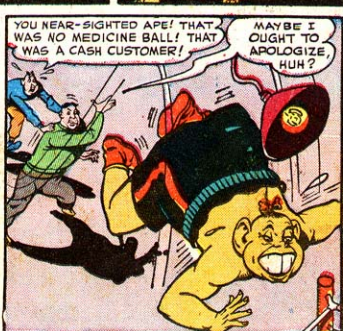
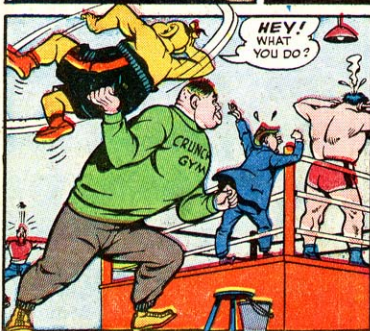
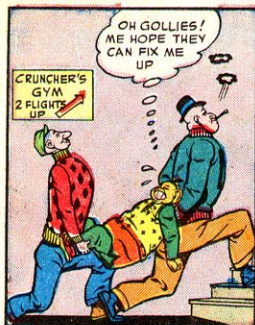
ME IN
SHAPE ALL
LIGHT... BUT
SHAPE NOT BE
SO GOOD!

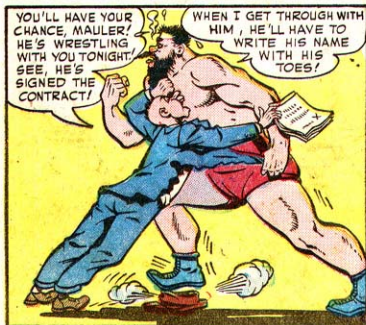
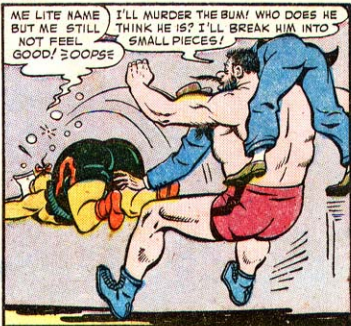
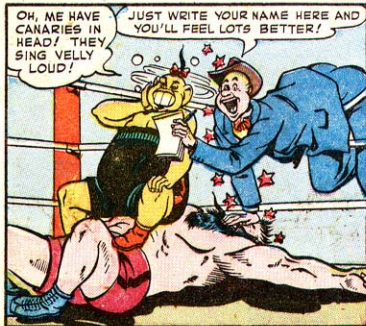
Chop Chop

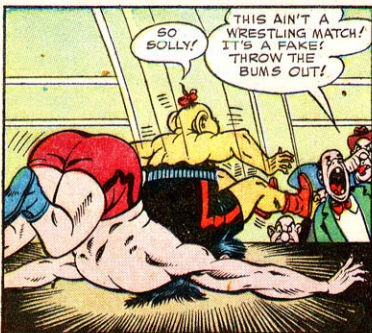
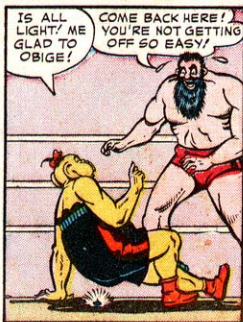
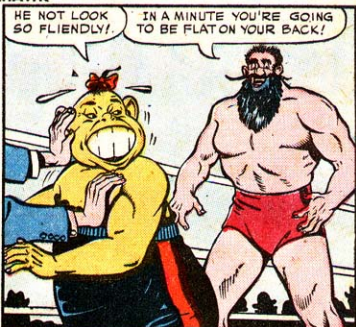




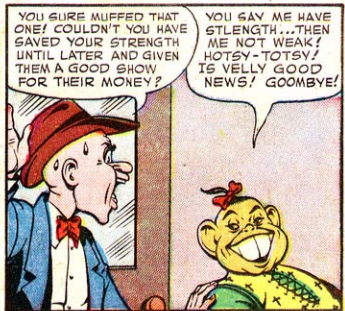
BLACKHAWK







AND A SHORT WHILE LATER...



BOOM TOWN

GOLD! Enough gold to satisfy any two men was the reward of five years of hard prospecting for Shorty Nagle and Frenchy Duval. Five years of discouraging hard work of trekking through the Canadian mountains, making one false strike after another. Five years of sleeping in the open or in makeshift shelters and living on sour dough, beans and bacon. Five years of taking any kind of job periodically just long enough to get another grub-stake. But now it had paid off and they had all the gold they could ever use—if they could keep it.

Shorty and Frenchy meant to keep it if it took the last breath in their bodies. But Frenchy had gone into the nearest town of Nailhead for supplies three days before and, in a celebrating mood, had stopped at the Miner's Saloon. One too many with the boys and he had let slip the news that they had made a real strike. One of Blackie Burton's men had heard and followed him back. Now they had trouble and plenty of it.

Blackie Burton was a notorious claim jumper. Shorty and Frenchy had not filed their claim until they could make sure of the direction of the vein. If Blackie with his gang could get them out and disposed of, the claim would be his. The Canadian Rockies could hide a good many corpses and, without a corpse, no one could prove that anything was wrong. It wouldn't be the first time such a thing had happened.

The vein they had located was high on the side of a deep gorge through which the river flowed. The only way out was down the side of the cliff to the river where the stream made an abrupt turn around the bend. Blackie and his men were around that bend and firing from the rocks that gave them concealment from the other side of the river. Occasionally one of them would pump a shot into the mine entrance where Shorty and Frenchy had held out for two days now. It seemed only a matter of time until they could be starved out.

"Shorty," Frenchy admitted miserably, "this is all my fault with this big mouth of mine. I'm sorry!"

"Forget it, Frenchy," snapped Shorty. "It's not your fault there are a lot of skunks in this world who are looking for a chance to horn in on somebody else's luck!"

Just then a fusillade of shots made them both duck. The gang was giving them the works again. Both Shorty and Frenchy cautiously returned a couple of well directed slugs that stopped the firing. Shorty watched them jerk back around the rocks to wait for

another chance to return the fire! They weren't taking any chances. Blackie's gang had everything on their side and could wait.

Shorty turned to Frenchy. "How many rounds have you got left for your rifle?" he asked. "I'm down to three myself!"

"That's bad," frowned Frenchy, "but I have ten left so we can hold out a little longer!"

"Okay! Just keep a watch on those buzzards and don't fire until I tell you," ordered Shorty. "I have something to do!"

He pulled out a box half filled with the dynamite they used for blasting. Dumping out the contents, he caulked the seams with a mixture of flour, molasses, and dirt and then returned the dynamite to it and sealed it. Crawling to the mine opening, he tapped Frenchy on the shoulder. "Start firing now," he said, "and keep me covered. Don't let one of those weasels get his head around those rocks!"

Frenchy started a slow and deliberate fire that would discourage any peeper. Shorty advanced from the shaft cautiously, carrying the dynamite. With a tremendous heave, he threw the box into the river and just as he had hoped, the current was taking it to the other side and downstream toward the bend where Blackie and his gang were hiding. Together he and Frenchy watched it bounce, half submerged!

"Give me my rifle and keep me covered," said Shorty as he crept out into the open where he could plainly see the floating box.

He saw it catch on a rock and then break free again. He watched as it continued on down and almost to the bend. In a few more seconds, it would be out of sight. Carefully, he raised his rifle and fired. There was a skip on the water just behind the box, a miss. Pumping rapidly, he let go the second shot and there was an ear-splitting BOOM that shattered the stillness of the canyon and brought rocks tumbling down from the heights above. Then there was silence.

Frenchy joined Shorty and they stood in the open, looking toward the scene of the explosion. There was no gunfire from that direction now.

"Well," grinned Shorty, "I guess that took care of Blackie and his gang!"

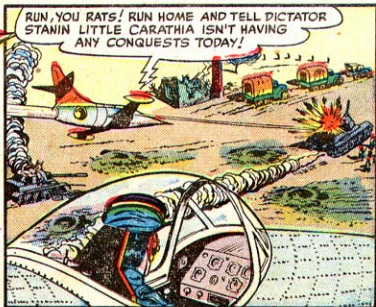
"It does, indeed, my friend," smiled Frenchy. "And soon we will have our mine going. And when we have the mine going, we will have to set up a mining camp. The bend in the river is an admirable site and I think we should call it BOOM Town!"

BLACKHAWK

THIS WAS CARATHIA'S BIRTHDAY OF FREEDOM FETE, WITH JOY AND LAUGHTER FOR ALL! THEN, OUT OF THE WEST CAME **THE CLOUD**... BLACK AS EVIL, UGLY AS THE DEATH IT SPEWED IN SMASHING THUNDERBOLTS OF AWFUL FURY! COULD ANY MORTALS...EVEN THE MIGHTY BLACKHAWKS...STAND AGAINST THE LASHING DESTRUCTION OF...
THE DEATH CLOUD?



JUST ONE YEAR AGO THE BLAZING BLACK-HAWKS SPEAR-HEADED CARATHIA'S FIGHT FOR FREEDOM FROM THE OPPRESSION OF RUSSAGA!



BLACKHAWK



UNTIL THE RUSSAGA RETREAT BECOMES A SCREAMING ROUT AT THE VERY BORDER THEY HAD SO BRUTALLY VIOLATED!

EEEEHH! WE WERE TOLD WE WOULD FIGHT AN ARMY... NOT THE BLACKHAWKS!

A BRAVE LITTLE NATION FACES A NEW ERA OF FREEDOM FROM FEAR!

THE INVASION IS OVER, PRESIDENT LADO! I DON'T THINK RUSSAGA WILL TRY AGAIN FOR A LONG TIME!

WORDS CAN NEVER EXPRESS CARATHIA'S GRATITUDE TO YOU AND YOUR MEN, BLACK-HAWK!

THANK YOU, BRAVE BLACKHAWKS



WE'LL REBUILD FARMS AND FACTORIES, AND A YEAR FROM TODAY WE'LL CELEBRATE OUR FREEDOM! WILL YOU BE OUR GUESTS OF HONOR THEN?

IF WE'RE NOT ON ANOTHER CALL THAT DAY, PRESIDENT LADO, WE'LL BE PROUD TO SHARE YOUR FESTIVAL!

And so, just one year later, on Blackhawk Island...

WE'RE IN LUCK, GANG! I'VE CHECKED ALL THE TROUBLE SPOTS AND NOTHING'S PENDING! LOOKS LIKE WE CAN TAKE THE DAY OFF!

TIENS! AND ZE CARATHIAN GIRLS ARE AMONG ZE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL!



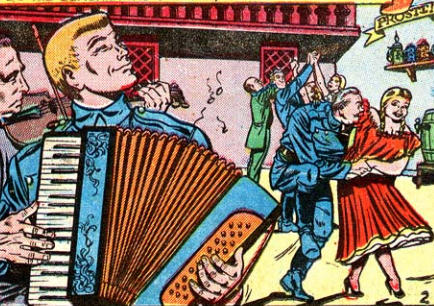
MA'AM-SELLES, HERE WE COME!

JAWOHL! GIFF ME EIN NICE PLUMP FRAULEIN UND I VILL DANCE DER NIGHT AWAY!

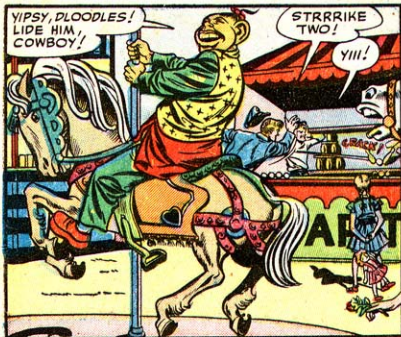


OVER LAND, OVER SEA... THEY FOUGHT TO MAKE US FREE... WE LOVE THE BLACKHAWKS!

SO THE BLACKHAWKS SCATTER, EACH TO HIS OWN FUN!



PROST!

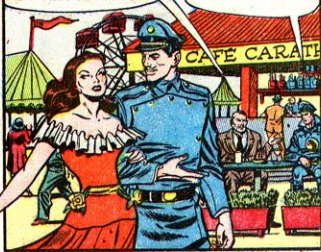


YIPSY, DLOODLES!
LIDE HIM,
COWBOY!

STRRIKE
TWO!
YIII!

THIS IS INDEED A HAPPY
DAY FOR CARATHIA,
BLACKHAWK! IT WARMS
MY HEART TO SEE EVERY-
ONE ENJOYING HIMSELF
SO THOROUGHLY!

MINE, TOO,
PRESIDENT
LADO! MY MEN
SO SELDOM
GET TIME FOR
ANY RELAXATION!



AFTER THE FEAST
WE'RE HAVING A
GRAND FIREWORKS
SHOW! WE MADE
ALL OUR WAR MUNITIONS
INTO FIREWORKS WHEN
PEACE CAME!

I WISH ALL
NATIONS WOULD
DO THAT! WE
COULD ALL
HAVE MORE
TIME FOR
FUN!



SUDDENLY...

OH-OH! THAT
BLACK CLOUD
LOOKS LIKE A
STORM COMING!
WE'LL HAVE TO SEE
ABOUT OUR
PLANES!

THAT'S ODD,
BLACKHAWK!
THE WEATHER
REPORTS WERE
ALL FOR
CLEAR
SKIES! THIS
ISN'T OUR
STORM
SEASON!



HAWKAAA!
GET TO THE
PLANES, GANG!
WE'VE GOT TO
SECURE FOR
STORM!

YEEPER!
YUST
VEN I
BAN
LEARN TO
DO YAS
YIVE!



WE CAN GO BACK TO OUR
FUN AS SOON AS WE'VE
CLOSED COCKPITS AND
TIED DOWN THE WINGS!
THE STORM SHOULDN'T
LAST LONG!

THAT'S AN UGLY CLOUD,
BLACKHAWK, AND IT'S
COMING UP FAST...
**AGAINST
THE WIND!**



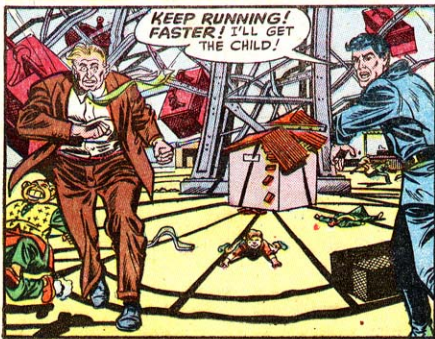
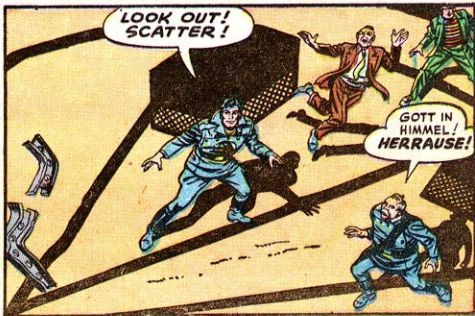
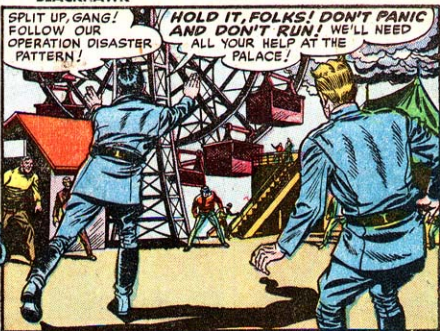
ZE CLOUD IS
ALMOST RESTING ON
ZE PRESIDENTIAL
PALACE!

FUNNY
THERE'S
NO
RAIN OR
WIND
WITH IT!



WITHOUT
WARNING...

CRASH!



DANKE GOTT!
I'M OKAY, GANG! BUT
HOLD EVERYTHING!
THERE'S A CALL
COMING IN ON MY
BELT RADIO!



BLACK-
HAWKS,
COME AT
ONCE!
GALUSTAN
INVADED!
HELP!
ARRGHH!



THIS IS CRAZY,
BLACKHAWK! YOU
CHECKED GALUSTAN
THIS MORNING AND
THERE WERE NO SIGNS
OF TROUBLE!

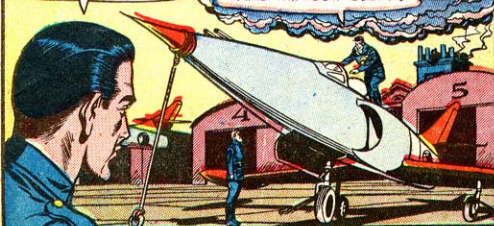


IT'S CRAZIER THAN
THAT, CHUCK! GALUSTAN
HASN'T A RADIO
STRONG ENOUGH TO
REACH CARATHIA
WITHOUT HAVING
MESSAGES RELAYED!



SACRE NOM! ZAT IS RIGHT!
ZEN ZE CALL IS A RUSE TO
GET US OUT OF CARATHIA!

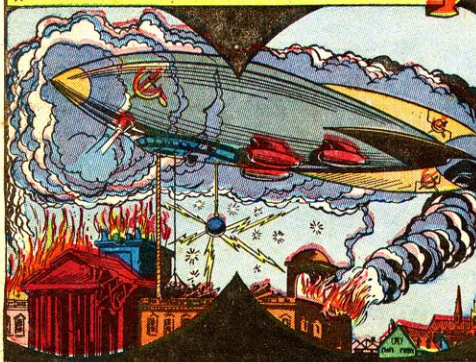
THAT'S MY GUESS, ANDRE! AND IF
THAT'S A GENUINE THUNDER CLOUD
WHERE IS THE STATIC? THAT MESSAGE
CAME THROUGH CLEAR!



THESE INFRA-RED GLASSES
WILL PICK UP ENOUGH BLACK
LIGHT TO SHOW WHAT'S INSIDE
THAT CLOUD! UH-OH! READY
FOR ACTION,
GANG...AND
I DO MEAN
ACTION!



WHAT BLACKHAWK'S SPECIAL INFRA-RED GLASSES SHOWED!

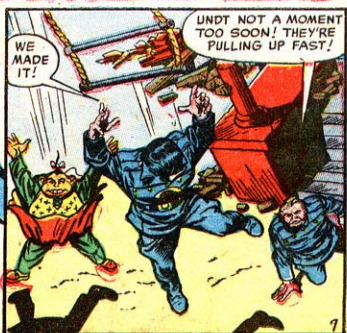
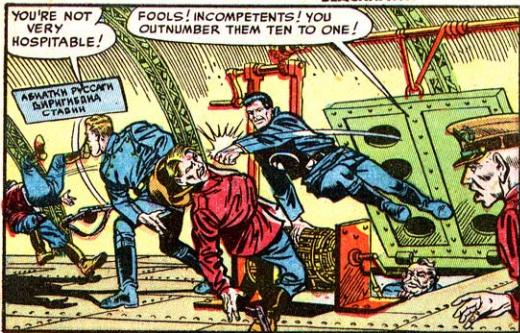


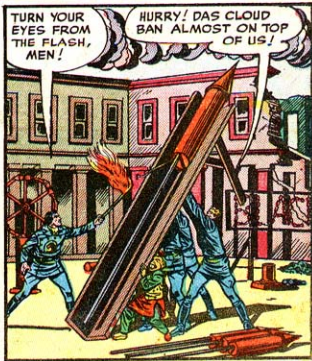
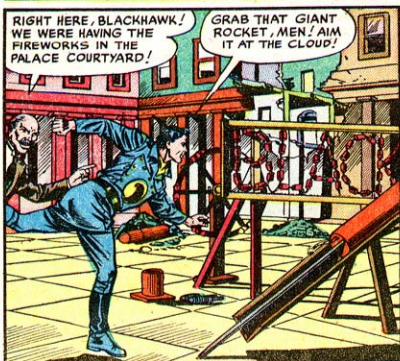
IT'S A BIG DIRIGIBLE BALLOON,
POURING OUT A CHEMICAL
GAS TO HIDE ITSELF! MEN IN
RUSSAGA UNIFORMS ARE
CLIMBING DOWN INTO THE
PALACE

YUDAS! DAS CLOUD
BAN HANG RIGHT ON
TOP OF CARATHIAN
TREASURY!





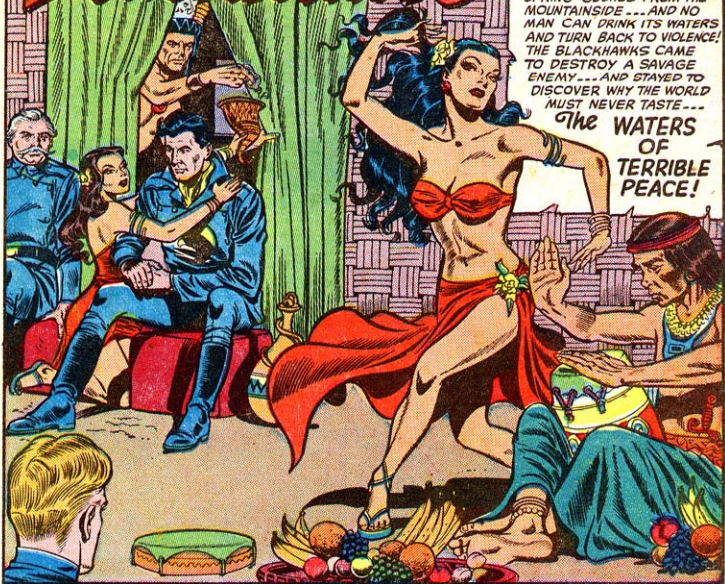




Blackhawk

A WORLD CRIES FOR PEACE
...BUT THERE IS NO PEACE...
UNTIL THE BATTLING BLACK-
HAWKS FIND IT ON A REMOTE
PACIFIC ISLAND PARADISE!
HERE A COOL, CRYSTAL
SPRING GUSHES FROM THE
MOUNTAINSIDE... AND NO
MAN CAN DRINK ITS WATERS
AND TURN BACK TO VIOLENCE!
THE BLACKHAWKS CAME
TO DESTROY A SAVAGE
ENEMY... AND STAYED TO
DISCOVER WHY THE WORLD
MUST NEVER TASTE...

The WATERS
OF
TERRIBLE
PEACE!



A LONG BITTER CHASE COMES TO A FLAMING END OVER AUSTRALIA'S TRACKLESS DESERT!



GOOD WORK, GANG! AS SOON AS I LINE MY SIGHTS ON BARON BLOOD, ANOTHER MURDEROUS CREW WILL BE WIPED OUT!

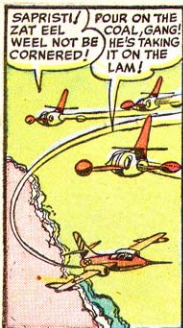


STAND AND FIGHT, YOU SLIPPERY RAT!

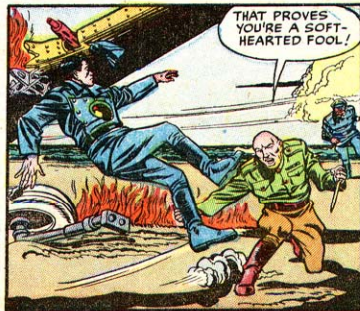
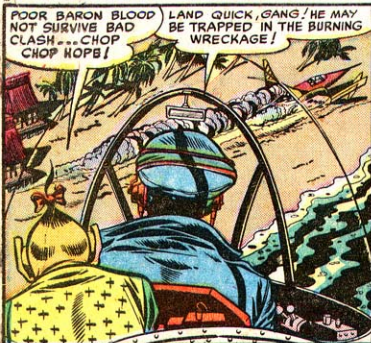
SORRY, BLACKHAWK, BUT I'VE DECIDED NOT TO DIE TODAY!



BLACKHAWK



The WILD CHASE THUNDERS OUT TO SEA... BUT INEVITABLY THE FASTER BLACKHAWK JETS CLOSE IN ON THEIR QUARRY!



BLACKHAWK

EEEEHHH!

MEIN KNUCKLES MUST
BE SOFT! DEY ROCK RATS
LIKE YOU TO SLEEP!

NICE
PUNCHING,
HENDRICKSON!

MAYBE,
BARON! BUT
I'M NOT
SOFT-
FOOTED!



TIE HIM GOOD,
OLAF! THE
UNITED WORLD
COURT WANTS
HIM FOR MASS
MURDER!

UH-OH!
DON'T
LOOK
NOW,
BLACK-
HAWK,
BUT WE'VE
GOT COMPANY!



YOU...YOU FOUGHT AND
STRUCK ONE ANOTHER!
YOU WERE **ANGRY!**

THAT'S AN UNDER-
STATEMENT... BUT
YOU HAVE THE GENERAL
IDEA! IS THAT SO
SHOCKING, MISS?
HE DESERVED IT!



ON ALUA
ISLAND, NO
MAN HAS
STRUCK
ANOTHER OR
RAISED A
VOICE IN
ANGER WITHIN
MEMORY OF
MY PEOPLE!

WHAT?
DON'T TELL
ME WE'VE
LANDED
IN PARA-
DISE!



MA'AMSELLE, WE
ARE ZE BLACKHAWKS,
WHO HAVE LONG
FOUGHT FOR PEACE!
NEVER DID I THINK TO
FIND IT IN SUCH
CHARMING HANDS!

BLACKHAWKS? A
STRANGE NAME!
I AM LLYA,
PRINCESS OF
ALUA, AND THIS
IS MAUA, MY
PRIME MINISTER!
WE BID YOU
WELCOME!



BUT YOU MUST DRINK
THE WATERS OF ALUA
AND SHARE WITH US THE
BEAUTY OF ETERNAL
PEACE!

EVEN WITHOUT THE POETRY,
LLYA, THE IDEA OF A GOOD,
COLD GLASS OF WATER
SOUNDS GOOD!



That NIGHT...

CALLING BLACKHAWKS! WHERE ARE YOU? YOU ARE EXPECTED AT WORLD DEFENSE CONGRESS! BLACKHAWK, WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER?

ISN'T IT FUNNY? THE WORLD WANTS US BUT WE DON'T WANT THE WORLD! LET THE WORLD FIGHT ITS OWN WARS!



WE'LL STAY ON ALUA THE REST OF OUR LIVES, JUST RELAXING IN PERFECT PEACE! MORE WATER, PLEASE!

ALL YOU CAN DRINK, BLACKHAWK! THE WATER OF ALUA FLOWS WITHOUT LIMIT FOR THOSE WHO LOVE PEACE!



HOURS LATER...

WHA...? I FEEL DIFFERENT! I DON'T WANT PEACE ANY MORE! I WANT TO KILL THE BLACKHAWKS AND GO BACK TO ROBBING AND MURDERING!



WHY NOT? THE FOOLS ARE STILL DOPED FROM THE WATER! I'LL FINISH THEM OFF AND STEAL BLACKHAWK'S PLANE...



WHY NOT, INDEED? WITHOUT THE BLACKHAWKS THERE'LL BE NOBODY TO STOP ME...

WHA...?



FOOL! WOULD YOU WRECK EVERYTHING NOW? COME AWAY AND LISTEN WHILE WE EXPLAIN!

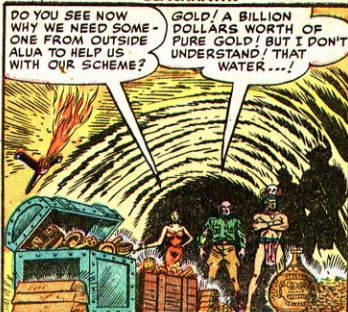
WHY DO YOU THINK YOUR FEELINGS CHANGED, STUPID ONE? BECAUSE WE GAVE YOU AN ANTIDOTE TO DESTROY THE WATER'S SPELL!





BUT... BUT...! WHY? I TELL YOU, THE BLACK-HAWKS ARE ENEMIES!

OF COURSE! THEY ARE FOOLS WHO WILL NOT LISTEN TO REASON! I REALIZED THAT AND TOLD MAUA TO SPARE ONLY YOU! COME AND SEE...



DO YOU SEE NOW WHY WE NEED SOME-ONE FROM OUTSIDE ALUA TO HELP US WITH OUR SCHEME?

GOLD! A BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF PURE GOLD! BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND! THAT WATER...



THE PRIESTS HAVE ALWAYS HAD AN ANTI-DOTE TO THE WATER! MAUA GAVE IT TO ME SO WE ARE NOT HELPLESS SLAVES TO ITS SPELL!

WE NEEDED SOMEONE LIKE YOU TO HELP US! WE WANT TO LEAVE ALUA! WITH THIS GOLD WE CAN BE RICH OUT IN THE WORLD!



YOU CAN FLY PLANES! FLY US OUT WITH THE GOLD AND WE'LL SHARE IT ALIKE! YOU CAN KILL THE BLACKHAWKS WHEN WE'RE READY TO GO!

GREAT! I'LL TAKE BLACK-HAWK'S OWN PLANE AND MAKE SEVERAL TRIPS! THEY'RE TOO DRUGGED BY THE WATER TO EVEN CARE WHAT WE DO!



THERE ARE THE WATERS OF ALUA! AS LONG AS THE BLACK-HAWKS AND THE PEOPLE DRINK THE WATERS, THEY ARE HELPLESS!

IT'LL BE A LAUGH, THE STUPID BLACK-HAWKS HELPING US ESCAPE WITH THAT GOLD! LET'S HURRY...



WELL, WHY DON'T YOU START LAUGHING?

AWRRK! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I'VE BEEN CHEATED!



IT CANNOT BE! YOU DRANK THE WATER OF ALUA!

ONLY ONCE! THE REST WE POURED ON THE GROUND, MY DEAR LLYA! YOU DIDN'T DISCOVER ONE SECRET ABOUT THAT WATER!



PEOPLE WHO ARE DEDICATED TO HELPING OTHERS HAVE A WILL TOO STRONG FOR THE WATER TO HOLD! WE BLACKHAWKS FELT OUR RESPONSIBILITY... SO WE ONLY PRETENDED TO DRINK AGAIN!

THE DRUG IS ONLY
EFFECTIVE ON
PEOPLE WITHOUT A
PURPOSE IN LIFE!

BUT THIS GUN IS
EFFECTIVE ON ANY
FOOL WHO DARES
DEFY BARON
BLOOD!

BUT NOT UNLESS IT
HITS THEM, BARON!

GLAB HIM, OLAF! IS BLIG
PHONEY-BALONEY PLIME
MINISTER!

NEXT TO PEACE,
THERE'S NOTHING
LIKE A GOOD,
LONG SLEEP!

DIS YERK VILL SLEEP FOR LONG
TIME FROM DAS PUNCH
IN YAW!

TIENS, ZE WILD-CAT COULD USE SOME WATER OF ZE PEACE HERSELF!

BUT I'M AFRAID THAT
DEAL IS OVER...
ANDRE...

THE ONLY REAL PEACE MUST
BE SHARED! WITH THE SPRING
COVERED, THE PEOPLE OF
ALUA WILL RECOVER AND
SHARE THE WORLD'S DUTY
TO **WORK** FOR
PEACE!

YOU'RE LEAVING
LLYA AND
MAUA THERE,
BLACKHAWK?
IS THAT GOOD?

THE ALUANS HAVE LIVED IN A DREAM! NOW THEY'LL WAKE UP AND WORK OUT THEIR OWN DESTINIES! MAUA AND LLYA WILL NO LONGER RULE THEM!

THERE IS BUT ONE ROAD
TO PEACE
EVERY MAN MUST FIND
RELEASE
IN TOIL AND STRIFE
AND BATTLE
LIKE THE...
BLACKHAWKS!

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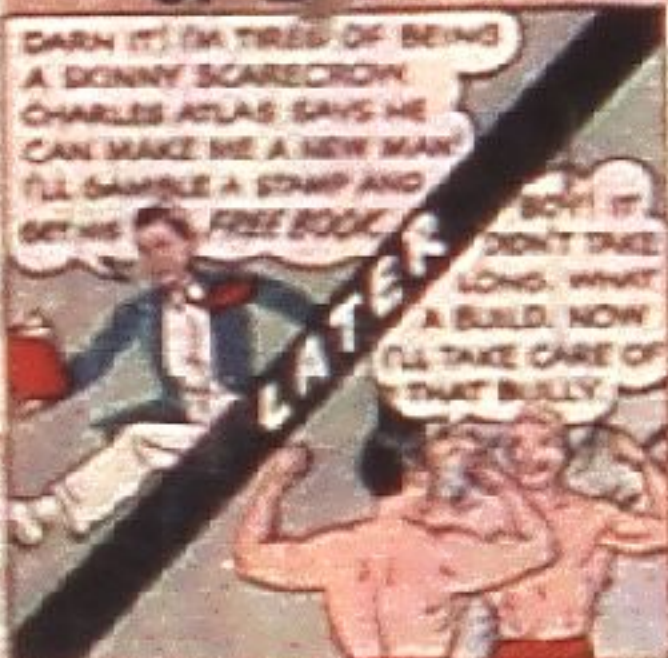
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